

SELECT ROOSEVELT

Stated That President is Selected As Mediator.

CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES

Dispatches Announce That Russian and Japan Have Selected President Roosevelt to Arrange Terms of Peace and an Armistice Will Be Declared.

New York, March 31.—Repeated announcements in regard to the proximity of peace are confirmed it is asserted in a dispatch from a Times correspondent at St. Petersburg, by information from what is called an unimpeachable source, showing that Russia and Japan have selected President Roosevelt as mediator, that negotiations are already in progress, and that the suspension of hostilities shortly may be expected.

After detailing reports as to the negative conditions of peace, laid down by Russia and set forth frequently in the dispatches to the Associated Press, the Times correspondent says:

"The selection of President Roosevelt as mediator, which was due to Japanese initiative, is regarded here as evidence of excellent discrimination. The Japanese thereby secure a firm friend who at the same time will make it a point of honor to bring the negotiations to a successful close and who, therefore, would not be likely to have accepted the difficult post of mediator if the Japanese intended to present exorbitant demands."

JAPANESE WAR LOAN.

Two and One Half Million Subscribed in Two Hours.

San Francisco, March 31.—That there is plenty of ready money in the city which is looking for investment can be learned from the fact that \$2,000,000 was subscribed to the new Japanese war loan 15 minutes after the subscription list was opened at the Nevada National bank this morning.

The list was started at 10 o'clock, and at 1:15 there were subscriptions to the amount of \$2,000,000 taken over the counter.

One half hour afterward the subscriptions had reached the sum of \$2,500,000, and Mr. Hellman said that it was already oversubscribed in this city.

"The subscriptions today for the new Japanese war loan," he said this morning at the Nevada National bank, "had beaten all records. At 1:15 there was subscribed the sum of \$2,900,000 at 11:30 it had reached the amount of \$2,600,000."

By noon the Anglo-California bank had taken in the sum of \$500,000, and the statement was made that subscriptions were still pouring in.

This means that the new Japanese war loan was oversubscribed by the sum of \$300,000 in the space of two hours in this city.

Mr. Hellman said that there might be some difficulty in getting as large an allotment as he anticipated, but he closed with the remark that New York "will have to take care of us." He also added that the Germans and the French had been anxious to buy these bonds, but they had not been able. He said that his advice was easily this morning that the loan had been oversubscribed by eight times in London, and that at 11 a. m. five times oversubscribed in New York. It is possible that San Francisco may not get the allotment of \$2,500,000 expected. The enormous over-subscription in other cities may result in cutting the local share of bonds.

Owing to the large over-subscription to the Japanese war loan, the local banks will close the subscription at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, instead of on April 5, as announced.

CRISIS IN MARYLAND.

Gorman's Amendment to Disfranchise Negroes Must Be Voted On.

Baltimore, March 31.—Senator Gorman's constitutional amendment for the wholesale disfranchisement of the 50,000 negroes in Maryland, which, the state court of appeals has just decided, Governor Warfield must promulgate so that it can be voted on by the citizens next November, will again line up the independent democrats with the republicans against the democratic machine.

Although Governor Warfield is in favor of the disfranchisement of illiterate negroes, he refused to approve the amendment, and Attorney General Bryan, another democrat, vigorously defended the governor's position before the courts in the suit instituted by Chairman Vandiver of the democratic state committee, for a mandamus to compel the governor to promulgate the amendment.

It is a desperate effort on the part of the Gorman machine to perpetuate

its power and control. The narrow escapes which they have recently experienced determined them to go to the limit, and this they have done in the amendment, which contains nearly all of the objectionable features of the laws of the far southern states.

Injustice is found in the first of the three tests provided for suffrage, an injustice so apparent as to call for the severest condemnation on the part of the governor. It was this first test that led him to tell the party managers he would not give his approval to the measure. Under it the registration judges are made judges of an applicant's ability to be able to read any section of the constitution of the state and to give a reasonable explanation thereof. It is obvious what unlimited power over the suffrage this would give to the registration officers, who are also judges of election, and who are frequently men of very limited education themselves. By securing the appointment of avowed party workers to these positions, the democratic managers could put themselves in a position of wellnigh absolute control of the Maryland suffrage.

The law also includes the notorious "grandfather's clause," which puts a premium on ignorance among whites and a ban on similar ignorance among blacks. Under its provisions all are exempted from the educational clause who had a right to vote on January 1, 1869, of whose fathers or grandfathers possessed such a right. The ingenuity shown in the devising of this clause would be entitled to some admiration were it not for the fact that it is such a conscienceless invention. Under it almost any native white man can vote, no matter how illiterate he may be, while the native colored man must stand a test to be applied by men who seek his disfranchisement.

The court's decision in sustaining the validity of the amendment as passed by the legislature is the signal for the opening of what promises to be the fiercest campaign ever waged in Maryland, in which party lines will be obliterated.

ROUSING RECEPTION

To be Given Rough Riders at San Antonio, Texas.

ROOSEVELT MAY BE PRESENT

The United States Army Will Have Charge of the Ceremonies and President Roosevelt Will Be Entertained by His Former Comrades.

San Antonio, Tex., March 31.—A rousing welcome will be given the rough riders at their annual reunion in this city April 6 and 7. The United States army has been given charge of the ceremonies, which will be in Riverside park, the original rendezvous of the regiment. President Roosevelt has expressed a desire to see as many of his old comrades here as possible.

After a reception at the Grand opera house the rough riders will mount bronchos and proceed to camp. Trolley rides and Mexican dinners are part of the program.

On the second day the rough riders will be kept busy furnishing an escort to the president, reserving him at lunch and entertaining him in the afternoon. The president will bid them farewell on the night of the 7th.

SAILING POSTPONED.

Time of Sailing of the Congressional Party for Manila.

Washington, March 31.—The day of sailing from San Francisco of Secretary Taft and the congressional party bound for Manila has been postponed from July 1 to July 8.

The postponement is to enable Secretary Root and Senator Warren, who are of the party, to attend the graduation of their sons at Harvard June 29, and Secretary Taft to accept a degree of doctor of laws at the same university.

MORGAN'S BOUVINE.

Picture of a Cow Consigned to Pierpont to Be Sold.

New York, March 31.—In a lot of abandoned goods to be sold on April 4 at the public stores is a painting of a cow consigned to "Pierpont Morgan, Trust Koenig, America," but which was never claimed by the banker. The government appraisers have valued this work of art at \$5.

Startling Mortality.

Statistics show startling mortality from appendicitis and peritonitis. The prevent and cure these awful diseases, there is just one reliable remedy, Dr. King's New Life Pills. M. Flannery of 14 Custom House Place, Chicago, says: "They have no equal for Constipation and Bilioueness." 25c at Chas. Rogers, druggist.

GREATER NEW YORK

Elaborate Supplemental System of Underground Railways.

EAST RIVERTO BE TUNNELED

Project Will Be Done by Capitalists and the City Will Not Be Called Upon to Loan Its Credit in an Enterprise That Will Cost Millions.

New York, March 31.—An elaborate supplemental system of underground railway lines in Greater New York, which if constructed on the plans suggested, will entail an expenditure of hundreds of millions of dollars, is outlined in a report submitted to the rapid transit commission by the commission's committee on plans and contracts.

Fourteen separate routes are provided for in the plans. They include two additional subways extending the full length of Manhattan island, one of them reaching into the Bronx; several lines through Manhattan above Forty-second street and a number of cross town lines between Fifty-ninth and One Hundred and Fortieth streets, a tunnel under East river connecting Manhattan with the borough of Brooklyn; subway loops connecting the Williamsburg and Brooklyn bridges and an elaborate system of tunnels extending to various points in the borough of Brooklyn.

The committee says that it has received assurances that more than one interest is prepared to construct and operate rapid transit railroads without calling upon the city to advance its credit.

FIRE IN CHICAGO.

Five Firemen Injured and Two Steamers Disabled.

Chicago, March 31.—Five firemen have been injured and two fire engines disabled while responding to an alarm.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

Astoria National Bank

At the close of business, March 14th, 1905.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$324,662 67
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	6,203 86
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	12,500 00
Premiums on U. S. bonds	750 00
Bonds, securities, etc.	66,416 74
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures	2,685 00
Other real estate owned	4,375 00
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)	5,907 88
Due from state banks and bankers	11,038 98
Due from approved reserve agents	97,002 98
Checks and other cash items	2,657 41
Notes of other national banks	536 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	864 11
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$56,473 95
Legal-tender notes	90 00
Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (5 per cent circulation)	625 00
Total	\$593,089 46

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$50,000 00
Surplus fund	10,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	28,758 77
National bank notes outstanding	10,800 00
Individual deposits subject to check	\$259,975 77
Demand certificates of deposit	30,725 56
Time certificates of deposit	202,114 36
Certified checks	715 00
Total	\$593,089 46

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop,

I, J. E. Higgins, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. E. HIGGINS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22d day of March, 1905.

E. Z. FERGUSON, Notary Public.

(Seal) Correct—Attest:

GEO. H. GEORGE, A. SCHERNACKAU, L. MANSUR, Directors.

for a small fire in Market street. A collision with a crowded electric car at Jackson boulevard and Clark street, the breakdown of another engine and an explosion in the building accounted for the men's injuries, which consisted of broken legs, bruises and cuts.

All the windows of the electric car were shattered by the collision and a score of passengers became jammed in the doors in the rush for safety.

The wrath of the firemen was aroused by the collision and after assisting the injured men to a drug store they ran to the car and threatened the crew. The latter retreated and while other street railway men stood guard the car was hurried away.

W. Whyte of Boise, Idaho, has taken charge of the McCrea-Ford studio for a time, and for the next 30 days will make the best \$5.00 photographs for \$3.50. See our work. Best in the city.

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STATEMENT OF ASTORIA SAVINGS BANK

At the close of business March 29, 1905.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$522,635 67
County warrants	24,199 90
City warrants	\$8,527 41
Real estate	21,000 00
Due from banks	75,912 12
Cash on hand	42,895 88
Total	\$725,170 87

LIABILITIES.

Capital paid in	\$100,000 00
Surplus	35,000 00
Undivided profits	3,302 40
Dividends unpaid	165 00

Deposits—

Subject to check	\$369,757 28
Time certificates	198,021 45
Demand certificates	18,924 74
Total	\$725,170 87

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

First National Bank

At Astoria, in the state of Oregon, at the close of business, March 14th, 1905.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$283,071 88
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	5,555 14
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	12,500 00
Stocks, securities, etc.	73,380 00
Other real estate owned	6,000 00
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)	9,244 60
Due from state banks and bankers	98,794 72
Due from approved reserve agents	135,851 99
Checks and other cash items	18 90
Notes of other national banks	105 00
Nickels and cents	468 52
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$114,200 00
Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	625 00
Total	\$739,815 76

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$50,000 00
Surplus fund	50,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	25,764 78
National bank notes outstanding	12,500 00
Individual deposits subject to check	\$448,064 51
Demand certificates of deposit	153,386 47
Certified checks	100 00
Total	\$739,815 76

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop,

I, S. S. Gordon, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. S. GORDON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of March, 1905.

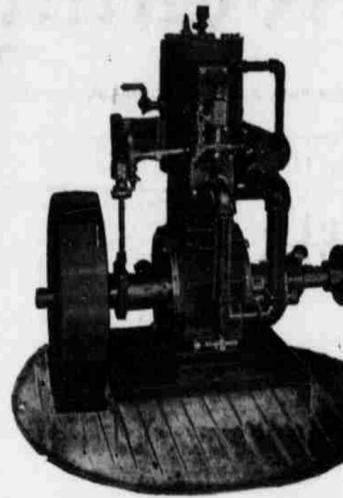
J. H. MANSELL, Notary Public.

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